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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Previously presented) A coextruded heat-sealable film structure, comprising:
- a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side (a) and a second side;
- a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is (b) selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer; and
- a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the range of 10 to 20 million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt. % to about 2.0 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer;
- wherein the core layer has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of a ethylene propylene copolymer, propylene butylene copolymer, and a high density polyethylene; and
- wherein the core layer comprises a cavitating agent selected from the group consisting of polybutylene terephthalate, calcium carbonate, and blends thereof.
- 15. (Currently amended) A laminate film structure, comprising a first film laminated to a second film, wherein the first film is a heat-sealable film structure comprising:
- (a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side:
- a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer; and

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- (c) a heat-scalable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt. % to about 2.0 wt, % of the heat-scalable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an
 - (d) wherein the second film is comprised of the same structure as the first film.

amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable laver;

- 16. (Currently amended) A laminate film structure, comprising a first film laminated to a second film, wherein the first film is a heat-sealable film structure comprising:
- a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side;
- (b) a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer; and
- a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt. % to about 2.0 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer:
- wherein the core layer has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of a propylene homopolymer, a propylene copolymer, and a polyethylene.
- 17. (Currently amended) A laminate film structure, comprising a first film laminated to a second film, wherein the first film is a heat-sealable film structure comprising:
- (a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side:
- a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer; and
- a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the

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range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt. % to about 2.0 wt. % of the heat-scalable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an

amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer:

(d) wherein the antiblocking agent is a particulate antiblocking agent having an

average particle size of from about 1 to about 5 um.

8. (Currently amended): A laminate film structure, comprising a first film laminated to a

second film, wherein the first film is a heat-sealable film structure comprising:

(a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side

and a second side;

(b) a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is

selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a

printable layer, and a sealable layer; and

(c) a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a

thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the

range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt, % to about 2.0 wt, % of the heat-scalable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an

amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer;

(d) wherein the core layer has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting

of an ethylene propylene copolymer, propylene butylene copolymer, and a high density

polyethylene.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 16, wherein the core layer

further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a natural hydrocarbon

additive, a synthetic hydrocarbon additive, a cavitating agent, an antistatic agent, and mixtures

thereof.

21. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 16, wherein the functional

layer further comprises at least one antiblock additive.

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22. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 16, wherein the surface of the functional layer is flame treated or corona treated and the surface of the heat-scalable layer is untreated

- 23 (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 16, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of the heat-sealable layer is selected from the group consisting of an ethylene-propylene random copolymer, a propylene-butylene random copolymer, an ethylenepropylene-butylene terpolymer, a linear low density polyethylene, a low density polyethylene, a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene, an ethylene vinyl acetate, an ethylene-methyl acrylate, an ionomer, and blends thereof and the functional laver has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of a propylene polymer, an ethylene-propylene block copolymer, a high density polyethylene, an ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer, an ethylene-propylene random copolymer, a propylene-butylene copolymer, an ethylene-propylene-butylene terpolymer, a medium density polyethylene, a linear low density polyethylene, an ethylene vinyl acetate, an ethylene-methyl acrylate, and blends thereof.
- 24. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 18, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of the heat-sealable layer is selected from the group consisting of a propylene-butylene random copolymer, a metallocene catalyzed polyethylene, an ethylene vinyl acetate, and an ethylene-methyl acrylate, an ionomer, and blends thereof.
- 25 (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 14, wherein the functional layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of an ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer, a propylene-butylene copolymer, an ethylene vinyl acetate, an ethylene-methyl acrylate, and blends thereof.
- 26 (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 14, wherein the antiblocking agent is selected from the group consisting of cross linked silicone resin powder, methyl methacrylate resin powder, a spherical silica powder, and blends thereof.
- 27. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 18, wherein the core layer comprises a cavitating agent selected from the group consisting of polybutylene terephthalate, calcium carbonate, and blends thereof.

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- 28. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 18, wherein the core layer is from about 5 to about 50 μ m thick, the functional layer is from about 0.25 to about 3.0 μ m thick, and the heat-scalable layer is from about 0.5 to about 7 μ m thick.
- 29. (Previously presented) The laminate film structure of claim 18, wherein the core layer is free of an antistatic agent and a fatty acid amide slip additive.
- 30. (Currently amended) A coextruded heat-sealable film structure, comprising:
- (a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side:
- (b) a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a sealable layer; and
- (c) a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt. % to about 2.0 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an amount from about 0.05 wt. % to about 0.5 wt. % of the heat-sealable layer;
- (d) wherein the core layer has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of a ethylene propylene copolymer, propylene butylene copolymer, and a high density polyethylene; and
- (e) wherein the heat-sealable layer is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene-methyl acrylate, an ionomer, and blends thereof.
- 31. (Currently amended) A coextruded heat-sealable film structure, comprising:
- (a) a core layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer, the core layer having a first side and a second side:
- (b) a functional layer on the first side of the core layer, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group consisting of a laminating layer, a printable layer, a laminating and a printable layer, and a scalable layer; and

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- (c) a heat-sealable layer on the second side of the core layer comprising (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a slip system comprising a silicone gum having a viscosity in the range of 10 to 20 greater than one million centistokes present in amount from about 0.2 wt, % to about 2.0 wt, % of the heat-scalable layer and at least one antiblocking agent present in an amount from about 0.05 wt, % to about 0.5 wt, % of the heat-scalable layer;
- (d) wherein the core layer has a polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of a ethylene propylene copolymer, propylene butylene copolymer, and a high density polyethylene; and
- (e) wherein the functional layer is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene-methyl acrylate, ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer, propylene-butylene copolymer, and blends thereof.
- 32. (Previously presented) The coextruded heat-sealable film structure of claim 31, wherein the heat-sealable layer is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene-methyl acrylate, an ionomer, and blends thereof.